

COOS COUNTY MASTER GARDENER™ ASSOCIATION (CCMGA)

General Meeting Minutes

July 9, 2019

OSU Extension Services

Myrtle Point, OR

I. **CALLED TO ORDER** by President Bob German at 9:30am.

Veterans attending = 17

Don Ivy
Lynn Menashian
Terry Harris
Mark Johnson
Bob German
Laurie Anderson

Gail Peck
Joni Kamfonik
Billie Reeves
Judy Jackson
Mary Jo Audette
Janet Tilton

Nancy Orr
John Uno
Judith Uno
Imogene McDonald
Steve Richardson

Trainees attending = 4

Tina Powers
Donna Leveridge-Campbell
Claudia Turner
Mary Ann Babb

II. **ADDITIONS:** referred to Other Business.

- scheduling of site visits to members gardens (Judy Jackson)
- use August and September meetings to sample member tomato varieties (Mary Jo Audette)

III. **INTRODUCTIONS:** none.

IV. **ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

- The 9th Annual Coquille Town & Country Garden Tour is Saturday, July 13th from 10am to 3pm. Tickets are \$10 and available at both Farr's Hardware locations, Coquille Supply, The Sentinel, Coquille Supply, Coquille Chamber of Commerce, Cedar Point Nursery, Copper Goose Nursery and Sunset Gardens. Map is provided.
- The Coos Bay Garden Club 2019 Town & County Garden Tour is Saturday, August 3rd, from 10am to 4pm. Tickets are \$10 and available at Clean Cut Landscape Center, both Farr's Hardware locations, Coos Bay Visitor Center, Coquille Supply and Hwy 101 Plants & Things in Bandon. Map is provided.

V. **APPROVAL OF JUNE 2019 MEETING MINUTES**

Motion to approve by: Donna Leveridge-Campbell

Seconded by: Terry Harris

Motion CARRIED

VI. **TREASURER'S REPORT** (Laurie Anderson)

Beginning balance	\$25,044.56
Interest	1.01
Expenses	1,118.56
Ending balance 6/30/2019	\$23,927.01

VII. COMMITTEE AND REPRESENTATIVE REPORTS

- **Lady Bug Landing | corner of 8th and Anderson Ave., Coos Bay** (Renee Blom)
Lady Bug Landing is flourishing, we have been getting lots of thumbs up comments from people walking by. A woman who came to the ladybug release said it was so peaceful in the garden. All the garden beds are full and a great group of gardeners. Steve Holmes Tree Service brought us two loads of chips, fir and alder that have been put on the pathways, that really dressed up the garden. Mary Robertson has been helping with watering twice a week and Bob Golden shows up sometimes too to water. Trainee Dan Morin has been coming every Saturday to help and learn and Elaine has come as well, and Lynn and her husband Reubin help too. All the extra help has been great. Our helpful gardener Cindy had a wonderful write up in the World last week about what she has been doing with worms at the garden. This last Saturday we did our annual ladybug release of 15,000 with Sarah Crawford teaching again. She also made sure that areas were wetted down so the ladybugs will stay. There were rocks to paint like ladybugs and a good time was had by all. The harvesting is really beginning from the demo beds, this week included garlic, shallots, beets, snap peas, zucchini, cabbage, broccoli and lettuce were harvested for the Food Bank and Mission - 160 pounds so far this season.
*On Saturday, August 10, from 9-10 am there will be a small plant sale of fall vegetables (and all funds will be used to support the garden) followed by a class at 10 am on Fall/Winter Gardening taught by Sarah Crawford. This program is free to the public. **Please bring a hat and chair** if you are attending the class. If you are interested in helping at the garden, just show up on Saturdays from 9-12 or on Wednesday from 9:30-11, make sure you have a hat and bring your favorite weeding tool. We plant, weed, harvest and talk gardening. Happy Gardening.*
- **Harvest Moon Garden | 180 N. Baxter Street, Coquille** (Mary Dixon)
Coquille Harvest Moon Garden is doing what every garden now is doing...growing- and growing well. The weeds are relatively under control as are the bugs. We are battling cucumber beetles on squash plants and leaf miners on chard, beets, and spinach. I have to add the White Crowned Sparrows are constantly nipping at pea plants. Business as usual. Some summer squash are being harvested and there are rumors of early planted cherry tomatoes ripening. Exciting! The ball is in the gardeners' hands now, tending and harvesting their wonderful summer crops.
- **Good Earth Community Garden | at the end of 8th Ct., Bandon** (Judy Jackson)
The hard work of spring is past and we now ease into the fruiting days of summer. We marvel at how tiny plants have become big and leafy, we enjoy dinner tables full of good and fresh produce and are continually amazed by the horticultural miracles happening in our garden.
The Board is brainstorming ways to block wind from the northern most plots and how to make room in our parking area for a fall delivery of bark chips. We gently remind plot owners to weed, complete their monthly hours of volunteer time and to harvest in a timely fashion.
We've put out sticky traps to learn more about which pests might be doing damage and are watering a flat of compost from our bin to see what weedy interlopers live therein.
This Saturday, July 13th, we'll host Jennifer Ewing for a class entitled "Proper Harvesting and Watering 101". Next Saturday – the 20th - Leslie Wirt will teach "Critters in the Garden" for young and old alike. Both classes start at 10 am at Good Earth. To date we've proudly sent 13 lbs. of salad fixings to the EAT program and one very special plot owner – a 14 year old – has started harvesting from her donation-only plot.
- **Plant Clinic** (Kathy Creason)
 - Two interesting insect samples were brought to the clinic for identification including a different species of cockroach and a cucumber beetle; passed around for member view.
 - **Volunteers are needed** this week, 7/22 and 7/29 – please see online calendar.

- **Plant Sale Committee** (Lynn Menashian)
 - Coos Bay will cease hanging banners over Highway 101 downtown effective August 1st, opting instead for installation of new LED displays.
 - CCMGA might consider hanging a new, smaller banner in some high-visibility location; quote to be obtained to evaluate cost.
- **Scholarship Committee** (Don Ivy)
 - Three recipients for 2019
 1. Cole Smith (\$1,000; previous awardee, OSU): forestry
 2. Serena Erler (\$500; previous awardee, OSU): food and nutrition
 3. Teal Hamner (\$750; first-time awardee, OSU): viticulture
- **Coos Bay Farmers Market** (Elaine Goodner)

Our booth at the market had 182 contacts in June, with an amazing high of 45 contacts on the early morning shift of June 26th. The sunny weather and increasing vendor choices, especially with the highly popular strawberries, cherries, and blueberries availability, are bringing in the large crowds. The farmers market had a new high of over 100+ booths this last week (July 3rd).

We still need both veterans and trainees to fill in shifts in July. There are slots available on July 17- both shifts, July 24-veteran in the am, and July 31-both shifts. Please check the blog for availability and then e-mail Sam with your requests. Thank you for any help you can give!
- **Bandon Farmers Market** (Bob German)
 - Please see the online calendar for available openings.
- **Oregon Master Gardener Association (OMGA) meeting | Representative Report** (Terry Harris)
 - OMGA requests three (minimum value) \$25 items for new concept: statewide silent auction
 - items to be compiled into a booklet and distributed by October 1st
 - bidding to be conducted by county OMGA reps following the next Leadership Forum in Tillamook
 - Laurie Anderson will host a mosaic workshop in September to make planters for the silent auction; extras will be sold to CCMGA members. Date and time TBD. Donations of tile, crockery or broken dishes are appreciated. Claudia Turner offered tools and materials.

VIII. **COMMENTS from OSU Extension Service, Coos County** (Sam Clayburn)

- Coos County Fair is July 23rd through the 27th.
 - **Shifts at the MG booth remain unfilled – please sign up by contacting Sam.**
- best practice for reportable hours reporting
 - query of counties reveals hours allowed for growing plants for fundraisers, however, custom of hours for driving discontinued with the exception of driving for plant clinic equipment relocation (which is not currently done in Coos County)
 - counties are providing special mileage award recognition
 - re driving fatigue for Coos Bay/North Bend members, suggest finding venue there and alternating with Myrtle Point for CCMGA chapter meetings
 - Laurie Anderson and Lynn Menashian will contact venues in Coos Bay, North Bend, and Charleston.
- grant money obtained for a raised bed by the Extension office
 - grant awarded of \$500 to create an educational space that is easily accessed; an additional \$500 has been obtained from the Master Food Preserver program
 - committee forming to develop plan and implementation process
 - Sam will share her Pinterest board with ideas at the August CCMGA meeting.

- 2020 MG training series
 - Jennifer Ewing will no longer teach.
 - requesting a Bandon site for pruning class – contact Sam with suggestions
- Reminder to refrain from posting or verbalizing political comments or memes when volunteering as a Master Gardener
 - administrators of social media for chapters will be required to complete specific training
- Facebook page: new coordinator needed
 - training manual available online
 - Sam will provide web link to manual for those interested.

IX. **OTHER BUSINESS**

- Garden coordinators are still urgently needed in Lakeside and Myrtle Point.
- Volunteers for the 2020 Budget Committee: Mary Jo Audette, Imogene McDonald with Laurie Anderson.
 - Members are asked to submit program ideas or budget requests in July.
- Request by Judy Jackson for consideration of scheduling coordinated visits to CCMGA member gardens to share ideas and expertise.
- Mary Jo Audette asked members to bring varieties of tomatoes from MG gardens to August and September meetings as part of the hospitality offerings. Sliced samples should have name or variety noted. Members can use the opportunity to decide on new varieties to grow next year.

REMINDER: The new OSU/CCMGA blog now takes the place of the old web page for calendars and other chapter information.

Open a browser window or use Google and type in:

blogs.oregonstate.edu/coosmga/

If a password is requested to open a tab on the page, type in: Tomato-Rama2019

X. **ADJOURNMENT:** The meeting was adjourned at 10:40am.

The next meeting is August 13th at the OSU Extension Building in Myrtle Point beginning promptly at 9:30am.

Respectfully submitted by:
Lynn Menashian, Secretary
July 10, 2019